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Dear Josh:

Thank you for your letter of November 16 explaining the request for financial support for your studies on environmental health aspects of carbon.

I am sorry to say that after reviewing the subject matter again, we will not be able to provide financial support in this instance. While we do award non-restricted grants of modest sums to universities, these relate specifically to our programs in human or animal health. The work you propose relates to the product line of the Calgon Corporation, and it is therefore outside our sphere of interest.

I am sorry that the Merck Sharp & Dohme Research Laboratories will be unable to provide the financial support you requested, and hope that we may be of some assistance to you on another occasion.

My best personal wishes!

Sincerely yours,



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